

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.
WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL – LOWER LEVEL, ROOM B**

MINUTES

Present: Chair Mark Parker, Marla Butts, Patty Lacasse, Wayne (Woody) Durst, Carl Knittel, Terry Bellman (Wetlands Agent), Tina Lajoie (IWWA Clerk), David Copeland, Tom Beatty, George Schoeber

- I. Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Parker at 7:35 p.m.
- II. Roll Call** – Wayne (Woody) Durst, Mark Parker, Carl Knittel, Patty Lacasse, Marla Butts. Absent: Diane Wolff
- III. Appointment of Alternates** – None
- IV. Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting – March 2, 2015**
MOTION BY M. BUTTS TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRINTED, SECONDED BY C. KNITTEL. As noted by M. Butts, the changes were proposed to the by-laws but the item is not on the agenda for the final vote. T. Lajoie will make sure everyone gets a copy of the new by-laws and will place on the June agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. Old Business – None

VI. New Business

1. #04-15-03 David H. Copeland, Shore Drive, (Map 6393, Block 65, Lot 27) – Construction of new house and septic system.

Dave Copeland is present as an agent for Jane & Daniel Murphy, property owners. The proposed activity is the construction of a single family dwelling with associated septic system, well driveway and site grading. These four small lake lots were merged into one. Septic system will be located across the street, away from the water and the house on the water side. Proposal was submitted to NDDH and the plan was revised, based on their requirements. Verbal approval has been given but the legal easement must be in place before written approval can be granted by NDDH. Agency had questions regarding the well locations on the abutting properties. No blasting is proposed. Gradient is so steep that he is proposing a 9 ½ foot foundation to bring things up so the property owner doesn't have difficulty entering the property. Excavation is minimal. No work being proposed in the wetlands but due to slopes and the amount of fill, it was referred to the Agency for review.

MOTION BY M. BUTTS TO ACCEPT APPLICATION 04-15-03 FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTH'S MEETING, JUNE 1, 2015, SECONDED BY P. LACASSE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. #05-15-04 Thomas Beatty, 37 New Sweden Rd – Common driveway widening

As explained by T. Lajoie, this widening to 18 feet is a requirement by the PZC under the subdivision regulations. Per T. Bellman, The area outside of the upland review is currently under construction, but the area in the wetlands needs Agency approval. Pictures were shown and described by T. Beatty. Existing stone wall runs across the wetlands area. The widening to occur is toward the stone wall. There is discussion on the type of soils evident, the organic matter and the effects. If it is deep organic

then they may want to consider placement of a geotextile with the new material on top of it for long-lasting and more stable surface. Additional piping will be required, about three feet. Approximately 20 feet of piping is shown. Piping will require approximately 2 feet of cover. M. Butts states that the pictures do show what appear to be more shallow organic soils, not very deep and the pipes were already approved in a previous application, so hydraulics will not be required. IWWA agrees that having the wetlands flagged will not be required in this case. Agency members may visit the site individually before the next meeting.

MOTION BY M. BUTTS TO ACCEPT APPLICATION 05-15-04 FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTH'S MEETING, JUNE 1, 2015, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE APPLICANT PROVIDE A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DRIVEWAY EXPANSION, HOW IT WILL BE DONE SPECIFICALLY, SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION. SECONDED BY P. LACASSE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. #07-06-20 GCS Land Development Corp, Greystone Estates, Rte 198 – Request to renew permit for five additional years

George Schoeber, Esq., is present on behalf of GCS and states he was last before the IWWA nine years ago getting the approval for a 15-lot subdivision. In 2011, legislature changed the statute to allow an increase to nine years for any subdivision approved prior to 2011 and also added an as-of-right five year approval as long as there was no violation of the regulations. It is noted that most of the wetlands on the property were conveyed with the 30 acres to the land trust. The proposed activity is outside of the wetlands. Original permit was issued on August 7, 2006. There is a discussion on when the regulations changed the upland review area from 75 to 100 feet. Each of the individual lots will need a wetlands permit if any wetlands exist. **MOTION BY C. KNITTEL TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF PERMIT #07-06-20, ANOTHER 5-YEAR EXTENSION, SECONDED BY M. BUTTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION BY C. KNITTEL, SECONDED BY P. LACASSE, TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA UNDER PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION: Creative Exterior, 167 Laurel Hill Road

Tim Tomkins is present on behalf of his clients, Tom & Nancy Coogan with a landscape proposal. House has already been approved. His client would like to rebuild the existing lake wall and extend it. This would be done at the time the lake is lowered. There are existing tree stumps right on the water's edge that will need to be removed in order to build the lake wall. T. Bellman states he did meet with the property owners and Mr. Tomkins to walk the site. Previous contractor had clear cut the area without any wetlands approval and now there are stumps to be removed along the water's edge. There are a few more trees that need to be removed, underbrush, according to T. Bellman. The wall will be about 28" to 30" at the highest point, natural stone wall. The wall will be kept stable by going below the grade and using a 3/4 " crushed stone as a base, not poured concrete, dry stacked. IWWA would like to see the high water mark on the wall. An A2 survey has been completed and the proposed wall is on the Coogan's property. IWWA gives details on what will be required when the application is submitted: A-2 survey, locus map. Photographs are shown of the area. Wetlands were flagged by Joseph Theroux a year ago. Wall to be extended and the grades behind the wall will be changed slightly due to backfilling. Agency will want details of material placed behind the wall, volume and amount of disturbance, since that area is wetland and will be reported to the DEEP. Sequence of construction will also be required. No motion is necessary.

4. Notification From Thompson IWWA for a 4-lot subdivision app within 500' of Woodstock town line (By Janet Blanchette)

Project is explained by M. Butts, just to the north of Hagstrom Road. Property spans both town of Thompson and Woodstock. No additional information to add.

VII. Wetlands Agent Activity Report

a. T. Lajoie explains e-mail received from John Navarro regarding upcoming road work. T. Bellman will be contacted prior to the work being done on English Neighborhood Road. Agency would like a locus map for the extent of the installation of drainage work and reclamation work being proposed on English Neighborhood. It is stated in this memo that the Bungay Hill Road drainage repair will be completed this spring with help from Syl Pauley (NECCOG) and Terry Bellman. IWWA would like clarification on what is meant by “maintaining” town beach area by highway department.

VIII. Citizen’s comments / other topics

Chair Mark Parker reminds T. Lajoie to add the By-law review to the June 1st agenda. Meeting time remains at 7:30 for June but then goes to 8:00 for July, August and September.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY M. BUTTS, SECONDED BY P. LACASSE

09:05 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Lajoie, IWWA Clerk

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